AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please replace the claims, including all prior versions, with the listing of claims below.

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

~~Claims~~What is claimed is:

1. (Currently amended)   ~~Method~~A method for intermediate storage of data packets during a relocation of a mobile subscriber ~~(MS)~~within a communication network, ~~characterized in that the data packets,~~comprising:
~~storing the data packets,~~ once ~~the~~a data transmission path has moved from a switching network node originally responsible for the mobile subscriber ~~(old SGSN)~~ to a switching network node which is to become responsible for the mobile subscriber ~~(new SGSN), are stored,~~ in ~~the last~~a previous switching network node until the subscriber data provided for ~~the~~a new data transmission path is located in the last switching network node.

2. (Currently amended)   ~~Method~~The method according to claim 1, ~~characterized in that~~ wherein the intermediate storage of the data packets is initiated independently of whether the subscriber is to be monitored ~~or not~~.

3. (Currently amended)   ~~Method~~The method according to claim 1 ~~or 2, characterized in~~ ~~that~~wherein, for the intermediate storage of the data packets ~~so-called,~~ trigger points are introduced with ~~the~~aid of ~~the~~messages including at least one of a "Forward Relocation Request" ~~(3)~~, "Relocation Request Acknowledge" ~~(4)~~or "Relocation Detect" ~~(9)~~.

4. (Currently amended)   ~~Method~~The method in accordance with ~~one of the claims 1 to 3, characterized in that~~claim 1, wherein, after ~~the~~transmission of the moboile subscriber data, ~~the~~ buffered data packets are deleted if the mobile subscriber is not to be monitored.

5. (Currently amended)   ~~Network~~A network node ~~(New SGSN)~~ for intermediate storage of data packets during a relocation of a mobile subscriber ~~(MS)~~ within a communication network, comprising:

~~featuring means~~a storage device for intermediate storage of data packets after ~~the~~ a transmission path has moved from a switching network node originally responsible for the mobile subscriber ~~responsible (Old SGSN)~~ to ~~said~~ become responsible for the network node ~~(New SGSN)~~ until ~~such time as~~ the mobile subscriber data provided for ~~the~~a new data transmission path is available.